Special air-package

2269. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce special air-package in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir in view of the potential for tourism; and

(b) if so, by when the special air-package is likely to be introduced in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has introduced holiday packages to hill destinations such as Kashmir, Leh, Himachal, Darjeeling, Sikkim, Kathmandu, Ooty, Munnar, Mahabaleshwar, Lonavala and Mount Abu. These packages are launched every year from 1st April to 30th September and 1st October to 31st March. Holiday packages to Jammu & Kashmir called Jammu & Kashmir Flyaways are available to Jammu/ Srinagar ex-Delhi. These packages can also be availed from other important cities *via* Delhi. Holiday packages to Himachal Pradesh called Himachal Flyaways are available ex-Delhi and Chandigarh. These packages can also be availed from other important cities *via* Delhi/ Chandigarh. The above packages can also be availed ex-Bangkok, Kualalumpur and Singapore *via* Delhi.

Indian Airlines has also introduced other promotional packages like Super Saver Utsav Plus, Indian Super Saver, Indian Family Fare, Easy Fares, Unchecked Fares, Spot Fares etc. to promote travel on its network at lower fares.

Private scheduled airlines *viz.* Air Decan, Spice Jet, Go Air, IndiGo, etc. offer dynamic fare system based on demand for seat which is available across their entire network which are much lower than normal fares. Other scheduled airlines *viz.* Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines, Kingfisher Airlines etc. offer various levels of air fares which are comparatively lower than the normal air fares.